

Gomer Davies' Says Nay.

The bright editor of the Concordia Kansan, who is a power in the Populist party in Kansas makes a few remarks giving his idea of what the members of his party should do.

He says: "In another place in this paper will be found the address issued by authority of the state central committee, calling for a delegate convention to confer as to the advisability of abandoning our organization and going bodily into the Democratic party."

The whole proceeding seems to be the very rankest piece of horse-play we have ever come across in our political experience.

The Kansan is of the opinion that it is time to talk plain about this matter.

The committee has no right to call a convention to consider such a proposition. The convention has no more right to resolve that we shall join the Democratic party than it has the right of saying we shall be Republicans, or socialists. We are against the whole sentiment back of this move. We have shouted ourselves hoarse in the loud acclaim that Populists sacrificed all for political principles—what is to become of these principles in this move?

We are told we shall go in and capture the Democratic organization. Without considering the unmanliness of such a thing, what would we do with it when we got it? Reform it, you say? Mr. Bryan has tried that in two campaigns and failed in his effort, and present indications are, that Bryanism is to be published in the future for its failure to capture the offices in the past. Is there any encouragement in that?

J. Mack Love says he does not know what the Democratic party will stand for in the next national campaign. He said that it depended on what the Republicans would do in congress, whatever it is, we presume it will be the policy of Democrats of Mack Love's stripe to be opposed to it anyway.

Frankly we do not like "fernist" politics, we don't want to be "agin" everything, we are "for" things.

Are we ready to sacrifice party organization, political principles, official preferment, everything, to become an influential integral part of a party which has no definition of the future, and certainly no cause for pride in its last administration of the government?

Let us wait to see what the Democrats will offer us in the next campaign, before we even consent to be their allies.

If they offer us principles, and men as candidates who believe in those principles, it is then time to consider an alliance, as was done in the past, whereby they get all the offices and we get the planks in the platform.

Speaking for ourselves, we confess we do not care for party name—we cut loose from one party name for the sake of principle, but we are not going to cut loose again from both party name and principle to be used as a cats-paw to rake Democratic chestnuts out of the fire.

Gentlemen, there is, it seems to us, work yet to be done by the Populists—let us be about it.

If we are to abandon the party there is no committee nor convention on earth with any sort of right to tell us to which party we shall go. That is for each individual to settle for himself and if we are not mistaken in the temper of men who make up the Populist party they will not thank the committee, nor conference, for advice in the matter.

This so-called conference is the veriest tommy-rot. It will bind no one—and ought not to.

Its warp and woof comes of a desire for power and place, at the sacrifice of the cardinal principles professed by the Populist party. It is a will-o'-the-wisp even to the men who are actuated by that motive.

The Populist who harbors the notion that he will secure an office, or any advantage which comes through the Democratic party success, is an ass—a palpable, dreary ass.

Brothers, we said we went into this more because of a desire for several forms of governmental policy. Let us not at this time form an alliance that gives the lie to our profession.

Let us hang together—if we don't, we shall hang separately, anyway.—Phillipsburg Dispatch.

Two inmates of the Pratt county poor farm wanted to get married and promised if the superintendent would give his consent they would go out and make their own living. The superintendent refused because if they went away there would be nobody left for him to take care of.—Ex.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

Report of school District 41 for month ending January 3: Number of pupils enrolled, 13; average daily attendance, 11.12-19; cases of tardiness, 8; visitors to date, 12. Pupils not absent: Edward and Mina Briggs, Clarence and Claude Redmond, Frank, May and Ray Redmond.

CARRIE A. STRADAL, Teacher.

Report of Prairie Knoll school District 32 for month ending January 10: Number of days taught, 20; average daily attendance, 13.125; enrollment, 15; cases of tardiness, 4. Those neither absent nor tardy: Dora and Annie Schumann and Burnice Kernen. Visitors: Mr. Schumann, Mrs. Lofstead and Mary Lofstead.

ROXIE MCATEE, Teacher.

Report of Excelsior school District 23 for month ending January 10. Number of days taught, 20; enrollment, 9; attendance in days, 138; average attendance, 6.18. Pupils neither absent nor tardy: Bernice Mattingly. Pupils absent but not tardy: Fred and Carl Folkers.

JULIA O'TOOLE, Teacher.

Report of school District 35 for month ending January 10: Number of days taught, 20; number enrolled, 9; average daily attendance, 7; cases of tardiness, 3. Neither absent nor tardy during the month: Lawrence and Oscar Ruppe.

ERLE MORGAN, Teacher.

Report of school District 21 for month ending January 3: Number of days taught, 19; enrollment, 21; average daily attendance, 16.89; not absent, 4; not tardy, 14. Those neither absent nor tardy: Albert and Louis Jordan and Annie Snelling.

ELIZA M. COUNTRYMAN, Teacher.

Report of school District 24 for month ending December 27: Number of days taught, 18; enrollment, 7; average daily attendance 5.8; tardy marks, 0. Pupils neither absent nor tardy: Stella and Walter Morell and Josie and Willie Spena. Pupils absent but not tardy: Gilbert and Edgar Morell and Joe Glenn. Visitors: Messrs. F. F. and John Stradal, Arthur and George Morell and John O'Toole and Ed. Spena; Misses Martha Tetzloff and Anna Kepcha and Mrs. F. J. Spena and Mrs. George Morell.

MILLIE STRADAL, Teacher.

Report of School District 38 for month ending January 3: Enrollment, 9; Number of days taught, 20; attendance in days, 131; average daily attendance, 6; cases of tardiness, 6. Alfred Epperly was not absent or tardy.

ROSE REDMOND, Teacher.

Report of Bethel school District 43 for month ending January 3: Total enrollment, 21; number of days taught, 19; average daily attendance, 17.2. Pupils tardy once out not absent: Eva Plants and Lloyd Howe. Visitors: Mrs. J. Schreiber, Josephine Martin, Rachel Sutton and Mrs. E. M. Sutton.

T. A. BAILEY, Teacher.

Report of Valley school District 19 for month ending January 10: Number of days taught, 20; enrollment to date, 16; attendance in days, 230; average daily attendance, 11.5; cases of tardiness, 12. Those not absent or tardy: Minnie Bryant, Lillian Chalk, Paul and Tracy Reddig.

ROY W. BLAKELY, Teacher.

Report of school District No. 26 for month ending January 10. Number of days taught, 20; number enrolled, 23; attendance in days, 331. Those neither absent nor tardy: Ellen, Earnest and Mollie Gilbert. Those not absent but tardy once: Lucy, Edna and Grace Hays and Emma Jordan. Visitors: John Gilbert, Arch and Lyle Huling, Beulah Garrett, Myrtle and Nellie Greer, and Vannie Carpenter.

ED. CURTIS, Teacher.

The M. W. A., of Collyer, will give a masked ball at G. A. R., February 7. Oyster supper at the Chicago restaurant. Everybody cordially invited to attend. By order of Committee. L. C. Larson, Clerk.

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Edwin H. Mott, Homestead Entry No. 2371 for the west half of the northwest quarter and the west half of the southwest quarter of section 20, township 11 south, range 21, west of the 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Henry C. Brockway, of Ogallah, Kansas; Chester Pierce and Andrew Pierce, of Wa-Keeney, Kansas; Howard Brockway, of Ogallah, Kansas.

I. T. PURCELL, Register.

Notice for Publication, No. 12936.

Land Office at Wa-Keeney, Kan., January 21, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Wa-Keeney, Kansas, on March 4, 1902, viz:

William H. Thornton, Homestead Entry No. 2371, for the south half of the southeast quarter and the south half of the southwest quarter of section 22, township 11 south, range 22, west of the 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Swan Lofsted, Samuel Kernen, William Harrison, all of Ogallah, Kansas; and Ed Larkue, of Wa-Keeney, Kansas.

I. T. PURCELL, Register.

Timber Culture, Final Proof—Notice for Publication, No. 12926.

United States Land Office, Wa-Keeney, Kansas, January 2, 1902. Notice is hereby given that James E. McCall, heir of Alexander McCall, has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at their office in Wa-Keeney, Kansas, on Saturday, the 8th day of February, 1902, for the northwest quarter of section No. 6, in township No. 11 south, range No. 22, west of the 6th P. M. He names as witnesses: Andrew J. McCollum, Harlan C. McCollum and John Smith, all of Wa-Keeney, Kansas; and Charles Dalzey, of Wa-Keeney, Kansas.

I. T. PURCELL, Register.

Timber Culture Final Proof—Notice for Publication, No. 12955.

United States Land Office, Wa-Keeney, Kansas, January 26, 1902. Notice is hereby given that William D. Stephens has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Wa-Keeney, Kansas, on Saturday, the 8th day of March, 1902, for the northeast quarter of section No. 30, in township No. 13 south, range No. 22 west of the 6th P. M. Kansas. He names as witnesses: Linus Benson, John McNaughton, Charles Hobbs, Henry Hobbs, all of Wa-Keeney, Kansas.

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